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For : ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING A)
BOOT ON A GLIDING BOARD)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

U.S. Patent No. 5,765,853 (ERB), issued on June 16, 1998, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '853 is cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 5,553,883 (ERB), issued on September 10, 1996, is cited on the aforementioned annex of the search report as being a family member of US '853.

International Patent Publication No. WO 00/23156 (FORWARD MOTION DESIGN), published on April 27, 2000, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of WO '156 is cited as being pertinent.

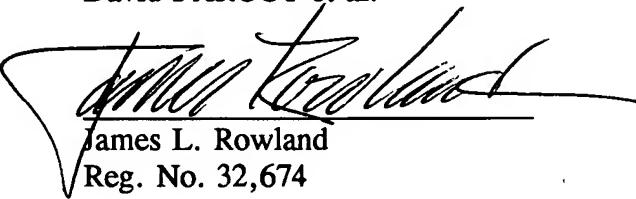
U.S. Patent No. 5,577,755 (METZGER et al.), issued on November 26, 1996, is cited as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 1 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. The entirety of US '755 is cited as being pertinent.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP 609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is enclosed herewith. Further, each is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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